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Present and projected space requirements of the Vienna-based organizations

Report by the Director-General

1. At its sixth session, in its decision IDB.6/Dec.17, the Industrial Development Board took note of the report by the Director-General on present and projected space requirements of the Vienna-based organizations and on recent developments for possible solutions (IDB.6/14 and Corr.1). The Board also endorsed the common position of the Vienna-based organizations and requested the Director-General to continue his consultations with the host Government, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Office at Vienna, and to present to the Board at its eighth session recommendations on the financial and budgetary implications of providing adequate Headquarters premises until the year 2000.

2. The Government of Austria has informed the UNIDO Secretariat that it has decided to offer to the international organizations in Vienna, for their present as well as for their future space requirements, additional office facilities free of charge and that for this purpose an extension of the Vienna International Centre is foreseen. In order to facilitate the planning of the new office buildings, the host Government has requested the international organizations concerned to specify their space requirements in a detailed manner.

3. A review of the present and projected space requirements of the Vienna-based organizations has reconfirmed the information orginally provided to the Government of Austria at the sixth session of the Board that the immediate needs of UNIDO would be 5,265 square metres, or five floors, of net office space. This amount of space would need to be supported with a corresponding amount of space for meeting rooms, machine rooms, storage rooms, corridors and other facilities, as well as some twelve to fifteen thousand square metres for common services and ancillary facilities. It can be further projected that by the year 2010 UNIDO would require an additional 7,000 square metres of net office space with concomitant space requirements for secondary areas and common service facilities in support thereof.

4. It would be premature to estimate the cost of operating, maintaining and repairing any supplementary space in view of the fact that the host Government has indicated that any additional office buildings to be constructed may not take the same form as the existing structures.

ACTION REQUIRED OF THE BOARD

5. The Board may wish to take note of the present report.

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